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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith, please find the following documents and sheets.

- 1. Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time.
- 2. Supplemental IDS complete with PTO Form-1449 and cited references.
- 3. Response to the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2003.

Respectfully submitted On behalf of Applicants,

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